OT TOOL SERIES

OT Vulnerability Decision Sheet

EN · one vulnerability per sheet

1 VULNERABILITY CONTEXT

CVE NUMBER | ASSET / SYSTEM | ZONE | ASSESSMENT DATE

VENDOR AND VERSION | ASSESSED BY | ROLE OF THIS ASSET IN THE PROCESS

2 EXPOSURE & EXPLOITABILITY

Source, where would an attack start? ☐ internet ☐ IT network ☐ vendor ☐ USB ☐ adjacent zone

Reachability, is there a path today? ☐ yes ☐ no ☐ unknown

DESCRIBE THE PATH IN ONE SENTENCE

Is the vulnerable component running? ☐ yes ☐ no ☐ unknown

Privileges required ☐ anonymous ☐ user ☐ already inside

Evidence of exploitation ☐ in CISA KEV ☐ EPSS score _____ ☐ public PoC ☐ theoretical only

☐ vendor says “not affected” (VEX)

3 OPERATIONAL IMPACT IF EXPLOITED

☐ loss of view ☐ loss of control ☐ production stop ☐ quality loss ☐ equipment damage ☐ environmental effect ☐ safety risk

WHAT CONCRETELY HAPPENS | TIME TO RECOVERY

4 EXISTING COMPENSATING CONTROLS

WHAT ALREADY REDUCES THIS RISK

	VERIFIED	ASSUMED
	☐	☐
	☐	☐
	☐	☐
	☐	☐

A control nobody has checked does not count.

5 PATCH FEASIBILITY

Vendor-validated patch available? ☐ yes ☐ no ☐ pending

Restart required? ☐ yes ☐ no Maintenance window (date) _____

Does this touch a safety instrumented system (SIS)? ☐ yes ☐ no

If yes, this is not a patch but a management-of-change process under IEC 61511.

Rollback path tested? ☐ yes ☐ no

RISK OF THE REMEDY ITSELF

6 THE DECISION — CHOOSE ONE

☐ **PATCH**
Validated, fits a window.

☐ **MITIGATE**
Remove the path instead of the vulnerability.
CONTROL + WHO VERIFIES

☐ **MONITOR**
WHAT WE MONITOR
WHERE IT SHOWS UP
WHEN TO REVISIT

☐ **ACCEPT**
Residual risk understood and owned.

7 OWNER AND REVIEW

RESIDUAL RISK IN ONE SENTENCE — IN CONSEQUENCES, NOT IN A SCORE

RISK OWNER (A PERSON) | DECISION DATE | REVIEW DATE | SIGNATURE / INITIALS

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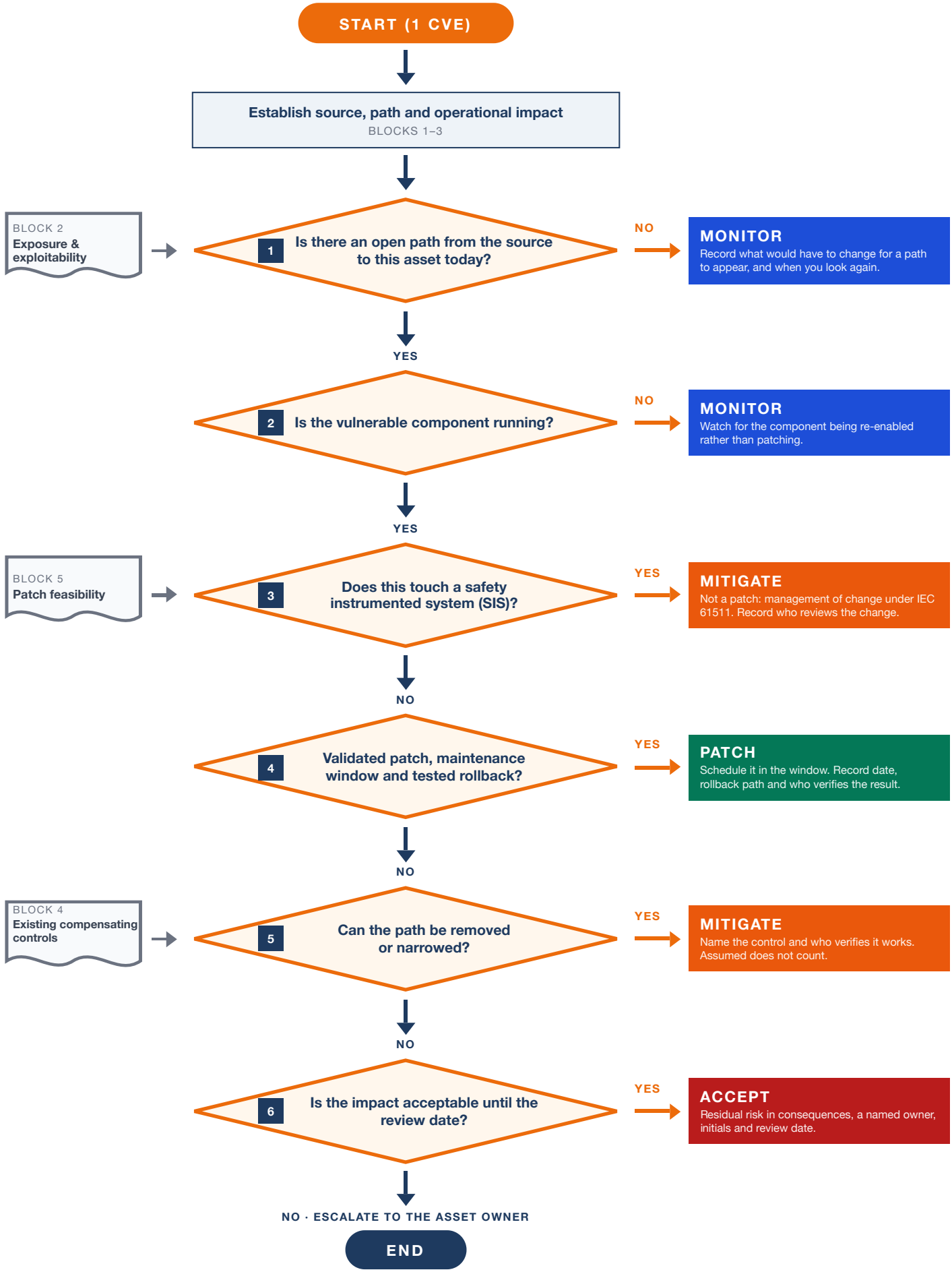
Decision path — data flow



Work top to bottom and stop at the first outcome. On **unknown**: continue as if the answer were yes and record that in block 2.

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